

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A shaving apparatus with a housing and at least one cutting unit which can be pivotably and resiliently pressed in with respect to the housing, said cutting unit comprising an outer cutter and an inner cutter that can be driven into rotation with respect to the former, said inner cutter being provided with cutting elements with cutting edges, while said outer cutter is provided with hair trap openings bounded by cutting edges for cooperating with the cutting edges of the cutters for the cutting of hairs, wherein during cutting of a hair a cutting force ( $F_c$ )—is exerted by the hair on the inner cutter, and a plane through the totality of cutting edges defines a cutting plane, said shaving apparatus being further provided with a drive device having a drive shaft for driving the inner cutter, which drive device

during cutting of a hair exerts a drive force ( $F_p$ ) on the inner cutter, while the drive shaft exerts a prestress force in the direction of the outer cutter, characterized in that wherein

[[ - ]]] the drive device comprises only one coupling member that can be driven into rotation and that is provided with at least one driving surface,

[[ - ]]] the drive shaft is axially supported on the outer cutter by means of the coupling member for directly driving the coupling member into the rotation, and

[[ - ]]] the inner cutter is provided with at least one driven surface cooperating with the driving surface for exerting the driving force on the cutter, the direction of said driving force being substantially perpendicular to the driving surface and the driven surface.

2. (Currently Amended) A-The shaving apparatus as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that further comprising means are present for obtaining a small contact pressure between the cutters.

3. (Currently Amended) A-The shaving apparatus as claimed in

claim 1, characterized in that wherein the driving surface and the driven surface cooperating therewith have mutually corresponding helical shapes.

4. (Currently Amended) A The shaving apparatus as claimed in claim 2 wherein

[[-]] the inner cutter has a carrier for the cutting elements, which the carrier is being provided with the driven surfaces,

[[-]] the coupling member is present which is coupled to said carrier, the carrier being movable in axial direction with respect to the coupling member, while said coupling member can be coupled to the drive shaft and is provided with the driving surfaces, and

[[-]] the means for obtaining a small contact pressure between the cutters are present between the carrier and the coupling member.

Claim 5 (Canceled)

6. (Withdrawn) A shaving apparatus as claimed in claim 4,

characterized in that said means are formed by centrifugal elements which are enclosed between a pressure surface of the carrier and a surface of the coupling member that is directed radially outwards and obliquely towards the carrier.

7. (Withdrawn) A shaving apparatus as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that the coupling member is provided with a cam, and the pressure surface of the carrier is directed obliquely towards the coupling member viewed in a direction opposed to the drive direction, such that the centrifugal elements lie enclosed between said cam and the sloping pressure surface.

Claim 8-10 (Canceled)

11. (New) A shaving apparatus comprising:  
an inner cutter having a driven surface and a cutter for cutting a hair;  
an outer cutter having an opening for receiving the hair which exerts a cutting force on the inner cutter during cutting of the hair;

a coupling member having a driving surface;  
a drive shaft which is configured to directly drive the coupling member so that the driving surface of the coupling member drives the driven surface of the inner cutter with a driving force, wherein the driving force is substantially perpendicular to the driving surface and the driven surface and is substantially parallel to the cutting force.

12. (New) The shaving apparatus of claim 11, wherein the coupling member has a profiled cavity for receiving a coupling head of the drive shaft so that the coupling member is directly driven into rotation by the drive shaft.

13. (New) The shaving apparatus of claim 11, wherein the driving force is substantially parallel to the cutting force.

14. (New) The shaving apparatus of claim 11, wherein the driving surface of the coupling member and the driven surface of the inner cutter have mutually corresponding helical shapes.